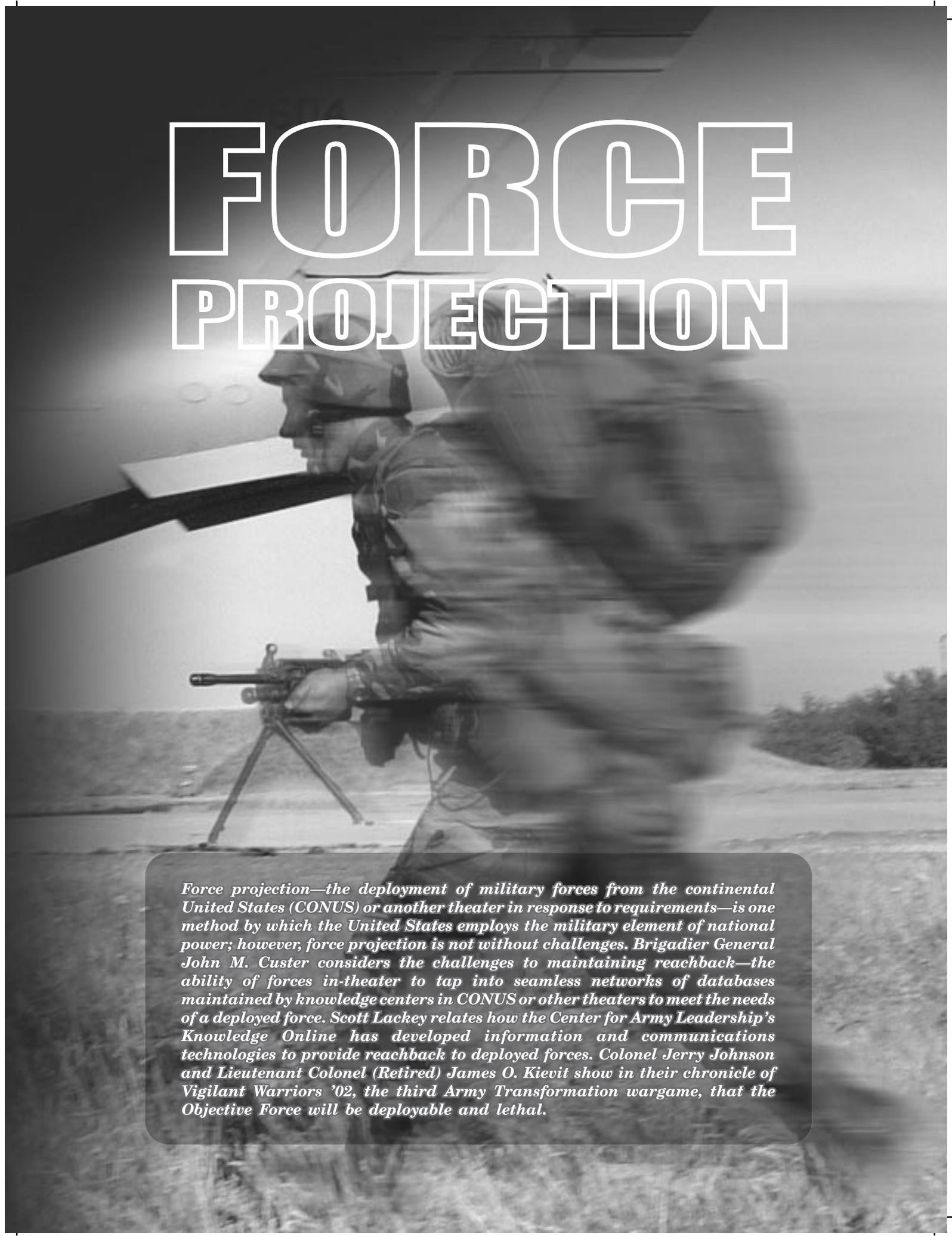


FORCE PROJECTION



Force projection—the deployment of military forces from the continental United States (CONUS) or another theater in response to requirements—is one method by which the United States employs the military element of national power; however, force projection is not without challenges. Brigadier General John M. Custer considers the challenges to maintaining reachback—the ability of forces in-theater to tap into seamless networks of databases maintained by knowledge centers in CONUS or other theaters to meet the needs of a deployed force. Scott Lackey relates how the Center for Army Leadership’s Knowledge Online has developed information and communications technologies to provide reachback to deployed forces. Colonel Jerry Johnson and Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) James O. Kievit show in their chronicle of Vigilant Warriors ’02, the third Army Transformation wargame, that the Objective Force will be deployable and lethal.